

Summary of Community Involvement Activities GE Morris Site, Illinois

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# GNEP ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY Summary of Community Involvement Activities

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## Morris, Illinois Site



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#### **Background and Discussion**

In September 2006, GE proposed the use of its Morris, IL site for use in the DOE Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP). The proposal was to perform a detailed site study on the existing fuel storage facility to determine the suitability of placing both the Consolidated Fuel Treatment Facility (CFTC) and Advanced Recycle Reactor (ARR) at the GE Morris Site. Included in the scope of work was a community involvement activity to communicate GE's vision to the local community and understand potential issues the community may have with the proposal. Establishing a strong base of support in the State of Illinois is critical to achieving GE's vision for the GE Morris Site as one of the locations for the DOE's Global Nuclear Energy Partnership ARR and CFTC. Support from the community cannot rest simply around the existing GE Morris Site and its current acceptance, but must encompass the whole state. The challenge of forging support for the GNEP initiative is accentuated by the existence of distinct regions; northern Illinois, which looks eastward to Chicago (considered a major market unto itself); south central Illinois; and western Illinois, each populated with primarily small cities and communities.

#### **Considerations and Approaches to Communications**

The strategic communications document guided activities before and during the siting study, and will require refreshment as GE further develops its plans under GNEP.

#### Governing Communications Principles:

- Speak plainly about the GE Morris Site and nuclear energy in general. Use everyday language and avoid jargon and acronyms.
- Address our intent honestly.
- Treat stakeholders with respect, even when they disagree with GE or DOE policies, positions and decisions, and our proposed deployment.
- Humanize sensitive issues and especially the responses from the public.

#### Communicate Goals and Objectives

- De-mystify GNEP and GE's possible role;
- Create and advance public trust and confidence in GE-Morris, its past mission, its current mission, and our possible solutions role in the future;
- Show how success will influence the global/national energy agenda;
- Position the Morris site as an asset to Illinois and the region.

#### Build Relationships with Key Allies and Constituencies:

- State and regional elected and civic leaders in Illinois
- Electric utilities and related industries
- Academia/scientific community
- The national laboratories and key professional societies
- Maintain an ongoing dialog with critics in the region

#### **Strategic Messages**

The four key messages that characterized our communications were intended to inform the audience of DOE's GNEP vision and core GE values. All communications were intended to directly support one or more of these four messages in fact, tone, and vision. These key messages serve as cornerstones for building communications with impact for a long-range GNEP deployment. These messages are:

- GE is working diligently to demonstrate an economic solution to recycle spent nuclear fuel using our PRISM technology and pyro processing.
- The GE Morris Site, because of its physical assets, can lead the world in the demonstration of the safe recycle of spent nuclear fuel as a domestic energy source. In addition, communicate that the site will be upgraded using a process that reduces the long-term toxicity and reduces the volume of Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) that requires long-term underground storage.
- GE is expanding our world-class capabilities and collaborative partnerships in the nuclear arena to support the government's Global Nuclear Energy Partnership program.
- Foster the convergence of academic, industrial, governmental, and international partners to support the implementation of the proposed technology at the GE Morris Site.

#### **Audiences**

The breadth of audience for the GE-GNEP initiative encompasses the globe. Recognizing that a short 90-day plan will focus on immediately recognizable audiences, these audiences must include:

- The government (DOE/NE/NNSA, EPA, NRC, DHS, IEMA).
- The general public, since they represent a controlling constituency interested in increased energy and national security as we seek solutions to the nuclear waste issue.
- Illinois and its elected leadership; legislators, the influential business community, the education community, and the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) both pro and con.
- Local communities around the GE Morris Site; elected officials, local/state political and community organizations, and the NGOs with varying interests and perspectives.

#### **Results of Public Scoping**

During the 90-day site characterization study, GE performed extensive public outreach, abiding by the communications strategy outlined above. GE's goal for each public event was to establish open, respectful and value-added relationships and to understand and respond to a range of expectations.

GE sponsored three public scoping meetings, which were held at:

- 1) University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign-April 11 (Appendix I)
- 2) Governor's Office, Springfield, IL- April 24 (Appendix II)
- 3) Morris, IL -Jennifer's Garden and Banquet Center- April 25 (Appendix III and IV)

In addition, when invited, GE presented to:

- 1) Village of Coal City, IL City Council Meeting-Feb 12
- 2) Morris, IL City Council Meeting Feb. 20
- 3) Village of Channahon, IL Mayor, Emergency Management Coordinator- Feb 27
- 4) Grundy County Board-Environmental Committee- Feb 27
- 5) Grundy Economic Development Council (GEDC) Board-March 15
- 6) NRC RIC Conference March 15
- 7) NRC Management Meeting March 16
- 8) Group of Morris residents- March 21
- 9) Joint Dinner-Chamber of Commerce & GEDC- March 22
- 10) Coal City Board of Education- April 2
- 11) Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters- April 5
- 12) Kiwanis Club-Morris-April 18
- 13) Congressman Weller's District Director & Communication Director-April 18

GE also participated in a public meeting organized by a group of Morris residents, held on March 28, 2007 at Goose Lake Hall, Morris IL. GE's participation in this meeting demonstrates our commitment to treat stakeholders with respect, even when they disagree with DOE policies, positions and decisions, and our proposed deployment. Participation in this event allowed GE to address our intent honestly and listen to sensitive issues from the public.

At the conclusion of the 90-day site characterization study, GE and its contractors reviewed comments received during public scoping meetings. Comments have been categorized and consolidated by topic. Comments with similar themes were combined to capture the common essential issues raised. The comments fall into several groups that include:

- Security
  - General Site Security
  - Terrorist issues including attack by plane
- Environmental/Public Health
  - Control of waste products to avoid issues similar to those that occurred at West Valley and Hanford
  - Storage and disposal of waste products from process
  - Storage of SNF, do not need more in community
  - o Transportation of SNF, do not need to bring SNF from far away places.

• Need to understand impact on human health in the area, especially with respect to cancer.

At the April 25 meeting a straw poll was taken. The crowd was estimated to be between 200 and 300 people with many local elected officials present. One hundred and eighty (180) cards were returned. The results of the poll were as follows:

- I support the GE proposal to use Morris for pyro-processing and PRISM (advanced burner reactor) - 118 (66%)
- o I would like more information before making a decision 15 (8%)
- o I do not support the GE proposal to for Morris 47 (26%)

The community involvement activities were able to successfully communicate the objectives of GNEP and the GE proposal. The audiences were generally supportive of the program and specific proposal. However, the community remains concerned about the issues listed above. GE encouraged the audiences to forward their comments and concerns to the DOE using the PEIS process.

#### **Attachment 1**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**April 11, 2007** 

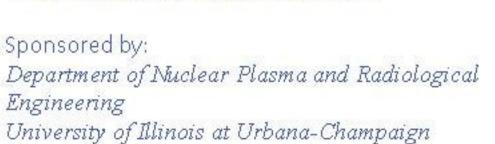
Infrastructure
Nuclear Energy

# GE's Advance Reactor & Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Vision

















## The Face of GE

#### Infrastructure



- Energy
- Nuclear
- Oil & Gas
- Water
- Energy Fin Svcs
- Aircraft Engines
- Rail
- Aviation Fin Sycs

#### Industrial



- Consumer & Ind.
- Equip Svcs
- Plastics
- Light bulbs
- Security
- Sensing
- Refrigerators
- Dishwashers

#### NBC Universal



- Network
- Stations
- Entertainment
- Universal
- Sports/Olympics

#### Healthcare



- Diagnostic Imaging
- Clinical Systems
- Info Technology
- Services
- Bio Sciences

#### Commercial Financial Services



- Insurance
- Leasing
- Real Estate
- Corp Fin Svcs
- Healthcare Fin Svcs

## Consumer Finance



- Europe
- Asia
- Americas
- Australia / New Zealand

- ~330,000 employees in 100 + countries
- ~\$163.4B Revenue, \$20.7B in Earnings

## GE's Nuclear Business



## **Nuclear Power Plants**

- ABWR
- ESBWR
- Gen IV



#### Services

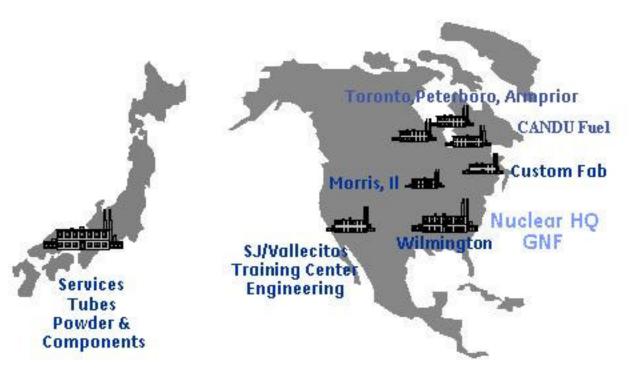
- Reactor & Field Services
- Performance Services
- Isotopes



### Fuel

- BWR & MOX Fuel
- Candu Fuel
- Fuel Engineering Services

# GE Nuclear's Global Footprint





Marketing JV Tubes, Powder & Components



Kurihama, Japan



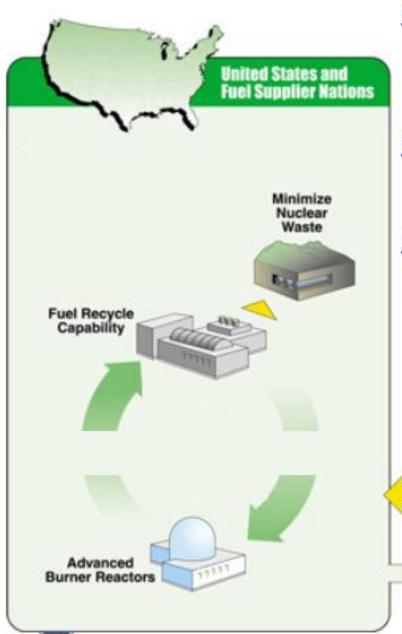
Wilmington, NC USA



Morris, IL USA



## What is GNEP?



#### Goals:

- "Lots of Nuclear Power" (1000~2000 GW-yr by 2050).
- Manage long-term waste problem
- > Reduce proliferation risk

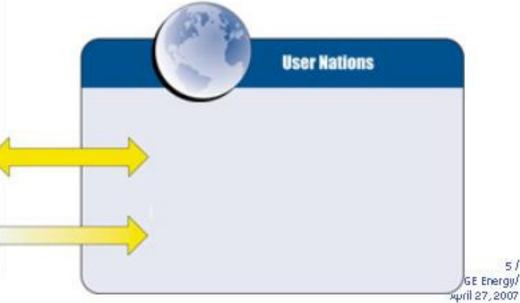
Policy change to favor recycling by "fuel cycle" states

#### Principles:

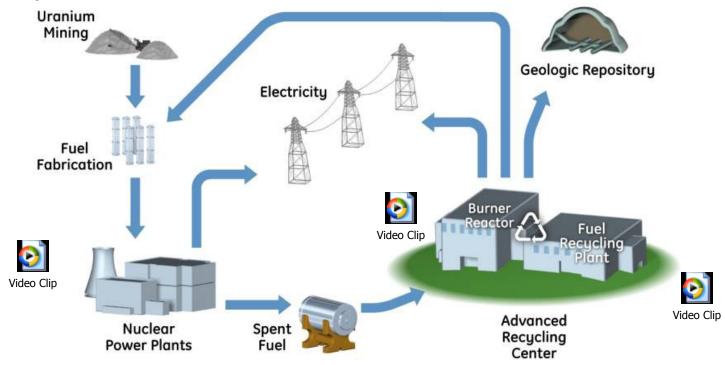
- > Global issues require global solutions
- > Spent fuel is an asset to be managed not a waste

#### **Program Funding**

- FY07~\$167MM (~\$79MM allocated to national labs).
- > FY08~\$395MM requested



GE's Integrated Solution for Closing the Nuclear Fuel Cycle



Advanced Recycling Center (ARC)

## **Electro-refining...**

- Ideal for fast reactors and metal fuel
- Removes all actinides together
- Process LWR SNF using proven tech
- Low environmental impact

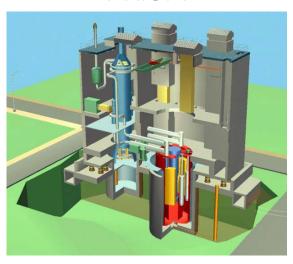


#### PRISM...

- Simple Operation
- Highly Reliable and Passively Safe
- Simplified O&M
- Modular/Scalable Deployment 6/ GE Energy/ April 27, 2007

## **ARC Technology Solution**

#### **PRISM**



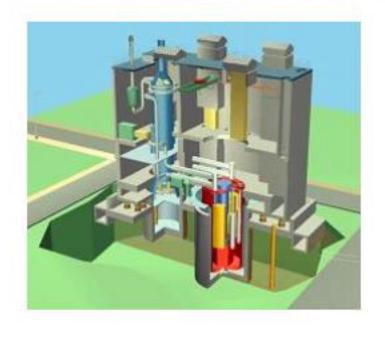
- + 840 MWth & 311 MWe
- + Na cooled fast reactor
- + Passive safety
- + Modular/scalable
- + Factory built
- + Flexible fuel cycle (broad input composition)
- + Metal or oxide fuel (metal pref.)
- + Extensive component testing

## Electro Refining



- + Modular/scalable
- + Sized to support ABR
- + Proliferation resistant
- + Removal of volatile FP through voloxidation
- + Continuous or batch process
- + Extensive testing in the U.S., Russia, Japan, and Korea
- + Used by industrial refiners

# PRISM: The Advanced Recycling Reactor



## ✓ Advanced Conceptual Design

- Already paid for by USG
- Available today
- Spent fuel is an energy asset

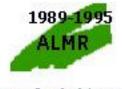
## ✓ Nuclear Regulatory Commission

No obvious impediments to licensing













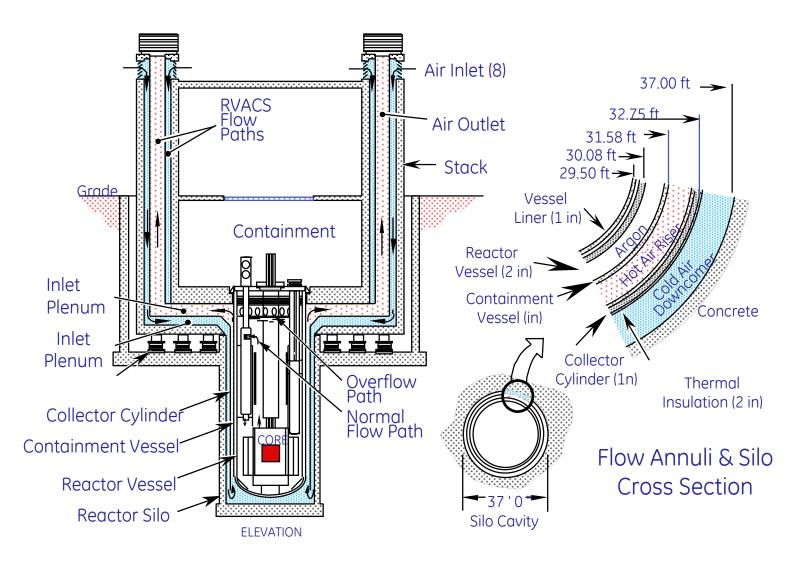
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DOE funded \$30M

DOE funded \$5M

DOE funded \$42M

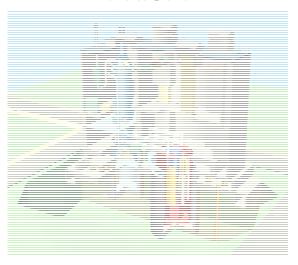
## PRISM Reactor Vessel Auxiliary Cooling System





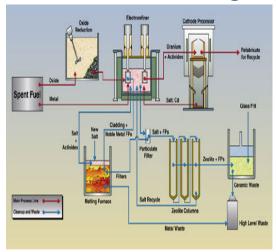
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## Electro-refining: The Best for Proliferation Resistance

	Weapon Grade Pu	Reactor Grade Pu	Electro-refining
Production	Low burnup PUREX	High burnup PUREX	Fast reactor Pyroprocess
Composition	Pure Pu 94% Pu-239	Pure Pu 65% Pu-fissile	Pu + MA + U 50% Pu-fissile
Thermal power (w/kg)	2 – 3	5 – 10	<b>√</b> 80 – 100
Spontaneous neutrons (n/s/g)	60	200	<b>√</b> 300,000
Gamma radiation (r/hr at ½ m)	0.2	0.2	<b>√</b> 200



## The Electrolytic Oxide Reduction Process

# Innovative electro-chemical process to convert oxide SNF to metal developed ANL

> Anode process produces oxygen gas which is swept from the cell:

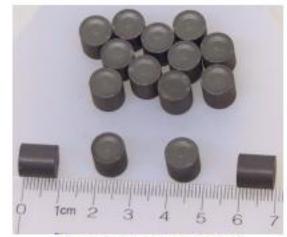
$$20^{2} = 0_{2}(g) + 4e^{-}$$

> Cathode process yields metallic product suitable for electro-refining

$$MO_8(s) + 2xe^- = M(s) + x O^{2-}$$

> LiCl @650°C solvent

# Useful for converting oxide SNF from an ABR or LWR including MOX



Urania feed material

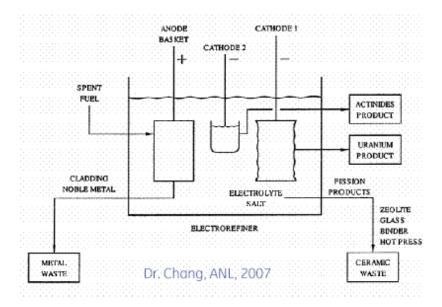


Reduced product



## Advantages of Electro-refining

- Low environmental impact to process Morris fuel: adding electrons, releasing oxygen, for the separations process.
- **Compact equipment results:** Improved operations and reliability.
- **Proven Technology**: Processed EBRII fuel in Idaho
- All actinides (Pu, Np, Am, Cm) are recovered together: a major nonproliferation advantage.
- **Ideally suited for PRISM fast reactor fuel:** integrated system.





# Siting Grant

# \$10 million for 11 sites to conduct detailed site study for integrated spent fuel recycling facilities

- Determine the possibility of hosting:
  - >An advanced nuclear fuel recycling center and/or
  - >An advanced burner reactor
- Conduct a detailed 90 day site characterization study and submit the study to DOE
- Information gathered during 90-day study will be used to prepare programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS), which will evaluate the potential environmental impact for each proposed GNEP facility



## 16 Environmental Study Topics



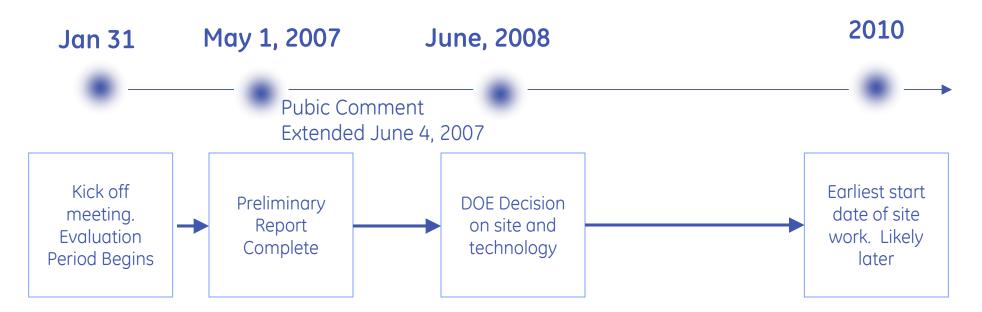
- 1. Maps
- 2. Aquatic and riparian ecological communities
- 3. Water resources
- 4. Important plant and animal habitats
- 5. Threatened or endangered species
- 6. Regional demographics
- 7. Historical, archaeological, and cultural resources
- 8. Future projects

- 9. Geology/Seismology
- 10. Weather/Climatology
- 11. Hydrology/flooding
- 12. Site specific regulations and permitting requirements
- 13. Site specific construction costs
- 14. Spent nuclear fuel storage capability
- 15. Other potentially hazardous facilities
- 16. National Priorities List or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System evaluation



# High Level Schedule

#### DOE's schedule



# 90 days to complete Site Characterization Report

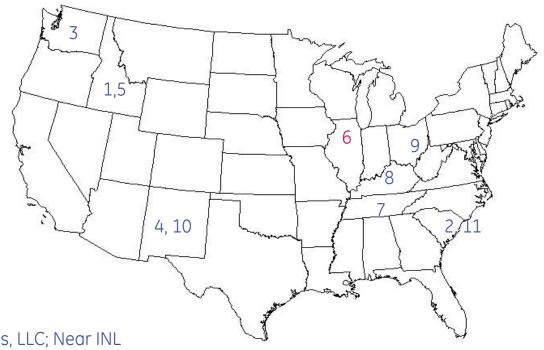
In parallel GE will review:

- Environmentally sound technology
- Potential for future commercial product



# **GNEP Site Study Locations**

6 of 11 sites are owned & operated by DOE



1. Atomic City, ID; EnergySolutions, LLC; Near INL

2. Barnwell, SC; EnergySolutions, LLC; built not used facility

3. Hanford Site, WA; Columbia Basin Consulting Group/Tri-City Ind. Dev Council

4. Hobbs, NM; Eddy Lea Energy Alliance

5. Idaho NL, ID; Regional Development Alliance, Inc.

6. Morris, IL; General Electric Company

7. Oak Ridge NL, TN; Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee

Paducah GDP, KY;
 Paducah Uranium Plant Asset Utilization, Inc.
 Portsmouth GDP, OH;
 Piketon Initiative for Nuclear Independence, LLC

10. Desired NM. Francisco Library LLC

10. Roswell, NM; EnergySolutions, LLC

11. Savannah River NL, SC; Eco Dev Partnership of Aiken & Edgefield Counties



NL – National Laboratory GDP – Gaseous Diffusion Plant

## GE's Morris Site





#### Site Facts...

- Located 50 miles southwest of Chicago
- Licensed in 1971 for LWR SNF reprocessing
- Did not operate due to US policy change in late 1970's
  Only licensed away from reactor SNF storage site in the U.S.
  USNRC facility license through 2022



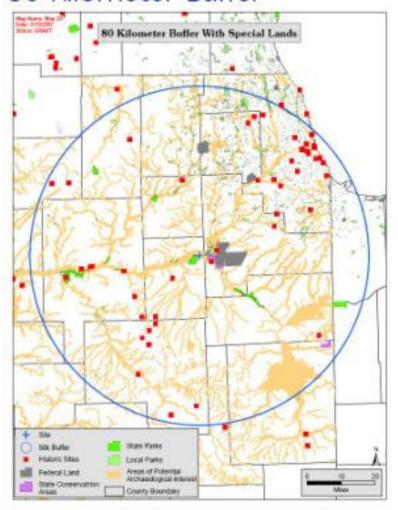
# Summary of Environmental Findings

- ✓ No environmental obstacles to the placement of the proposed facilities on the site
- ✓ Strongly supports this site for construction of the proposed GNEP facilities
- ✓ On schedule to provide report to DOE May 1, 2007

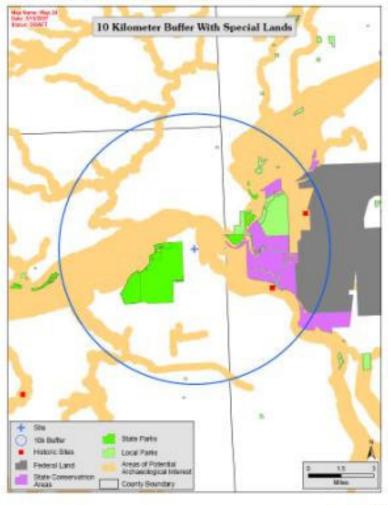


# 1. Maps - Special Lands

## 80 Kilometer Buffer



## 10 Kilometer Buffer





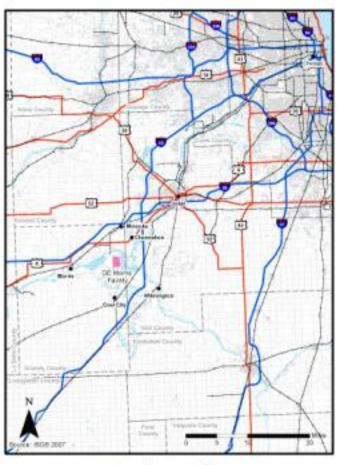
# 1. Maps – Site Parcels and Surrounding Ownership





# 1. Maps - Transportation Links

## Finding: Abundant transportation corridors



- Two major highways intersect just to NE of the Morris Site
- Extensive rail lines in the area

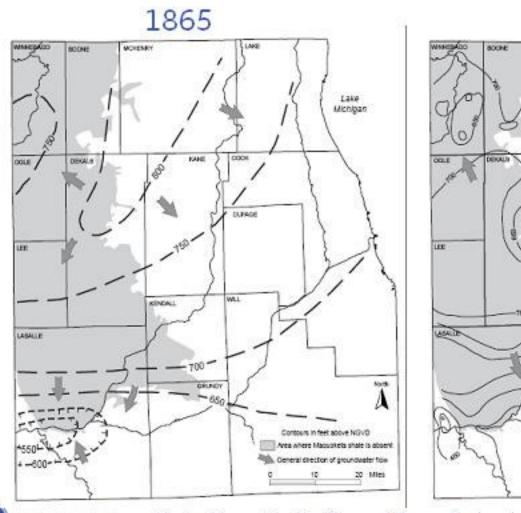


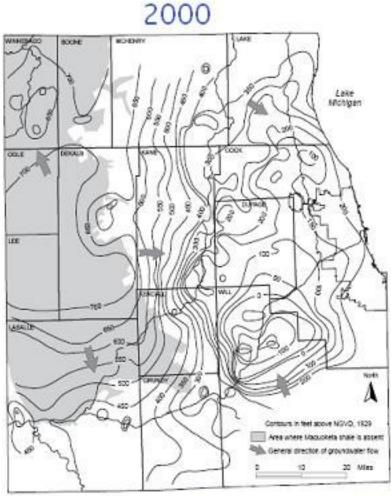


Local

## 3. Water Resources - Groundwater

## Finding: Abundant water is available in the area

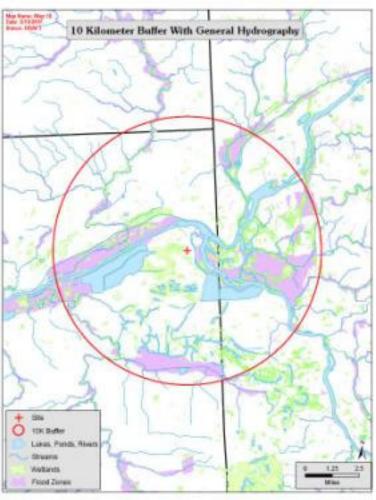




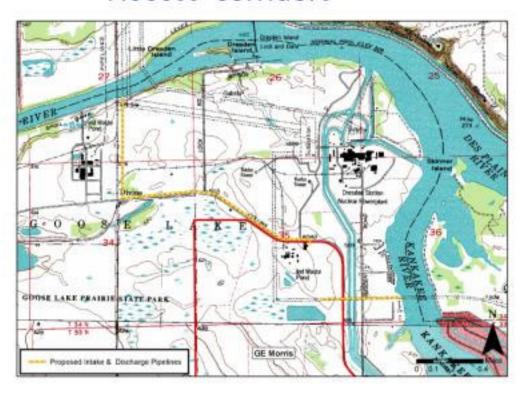


## 3. Water Resources - Surface Water

## General Hydrography



## Access Corridors

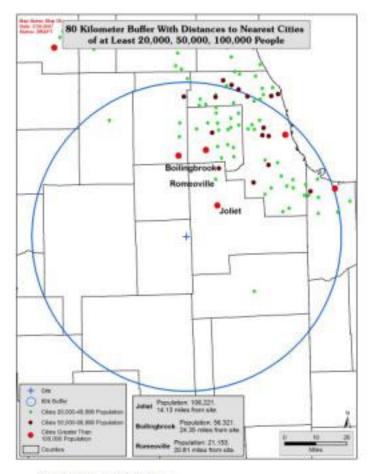




# 6. Regional Demography

# Finding: Outskirts of a growing area with increasing demand for power

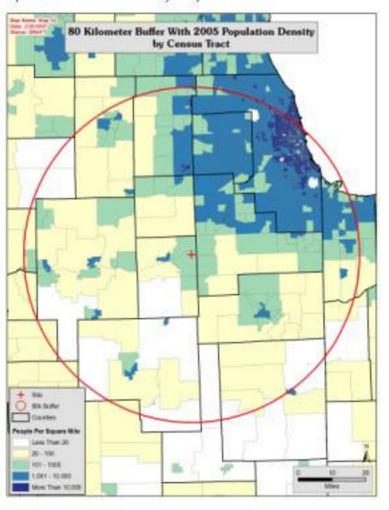




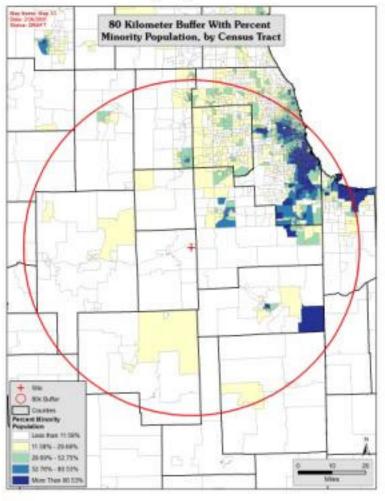


# 6. Regional Demography

## Population Density by Census Tract



## Percent Minority by Census Tract

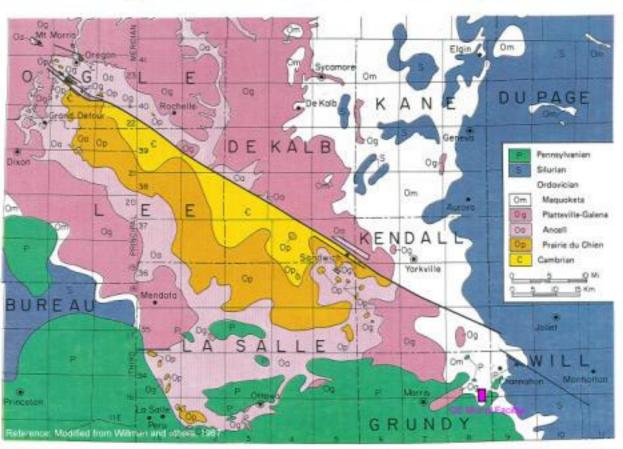




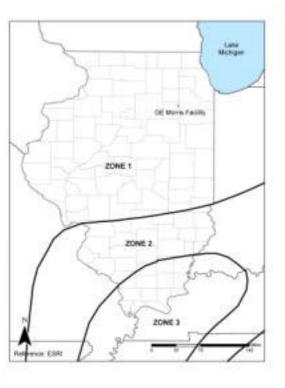
# 9. Geology/Seismology

## Finding: Low seismic risk, stable bedrock

## Geologic Sandwich Fault Map



### 1969 Seismic Risk

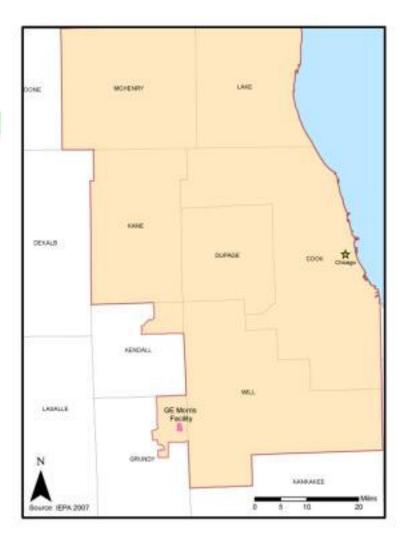




# 10. Weather/Climatology

## Findings:

- Not subject to hurricanes or tropical storms
- Regular rain and snowfall provide reliable recharge
- Non-attainment for ozone and particulate matter. Provide power without emitting carbon, ozone or particulate.





#### GE's Morris Site

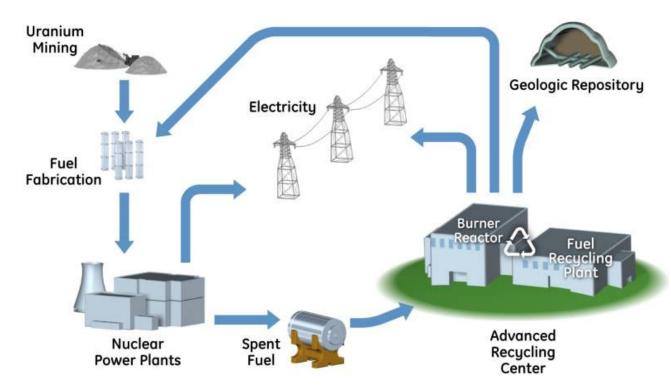




#### Advantages for Deployment...

- Existing NRC license
- Existing infrastructure-pool, canyon
- Existing LWR SNF bundles
- Transportation issues eliminated for demonstration facility
- Located near an area with increasing demand for power
- State of IL has tremendous human resources:
  - -University of Illinois
  - -Argonne National Lab,
  - -Fermi Laboratory
  - -Operating Nuclear Plants
- Provides an environmentally sound site to support an advanced recycling center and advanced reactor

# GE's Vision for Morris



Advanced Recycling Center (ARC)

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Springfield Meeting
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GE Energy

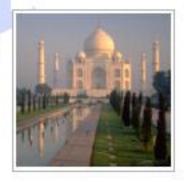


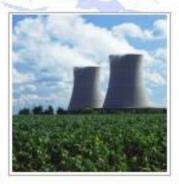












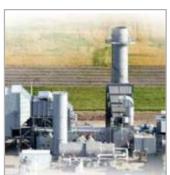


# **GE Energy**

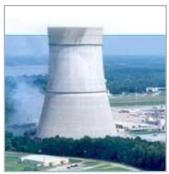
#### **Highlights**

- Operating in more than 100 countries ... 125+ years
- Over 36,000 employees ...
  ~700 locations







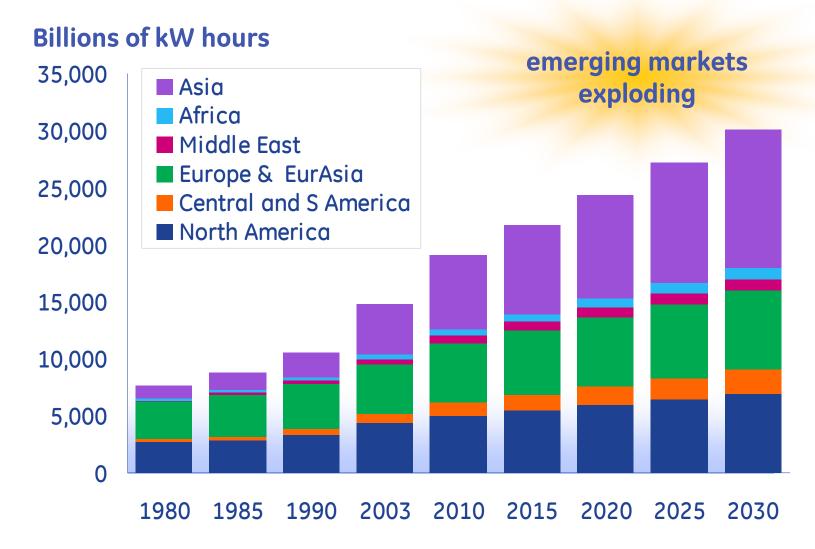






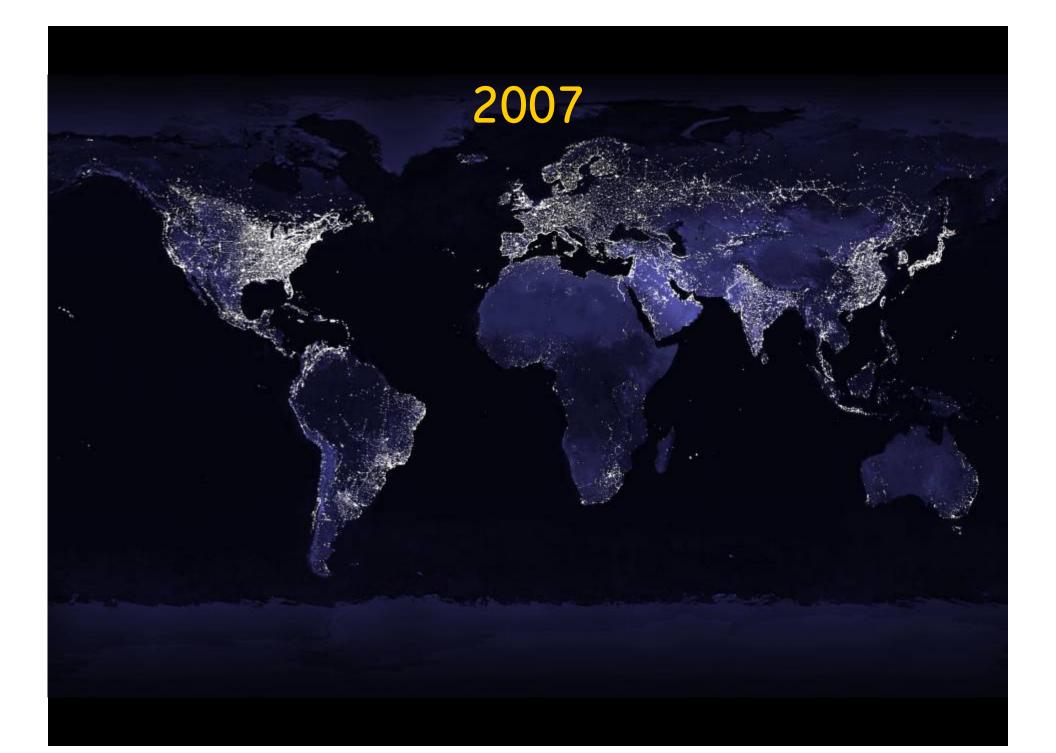


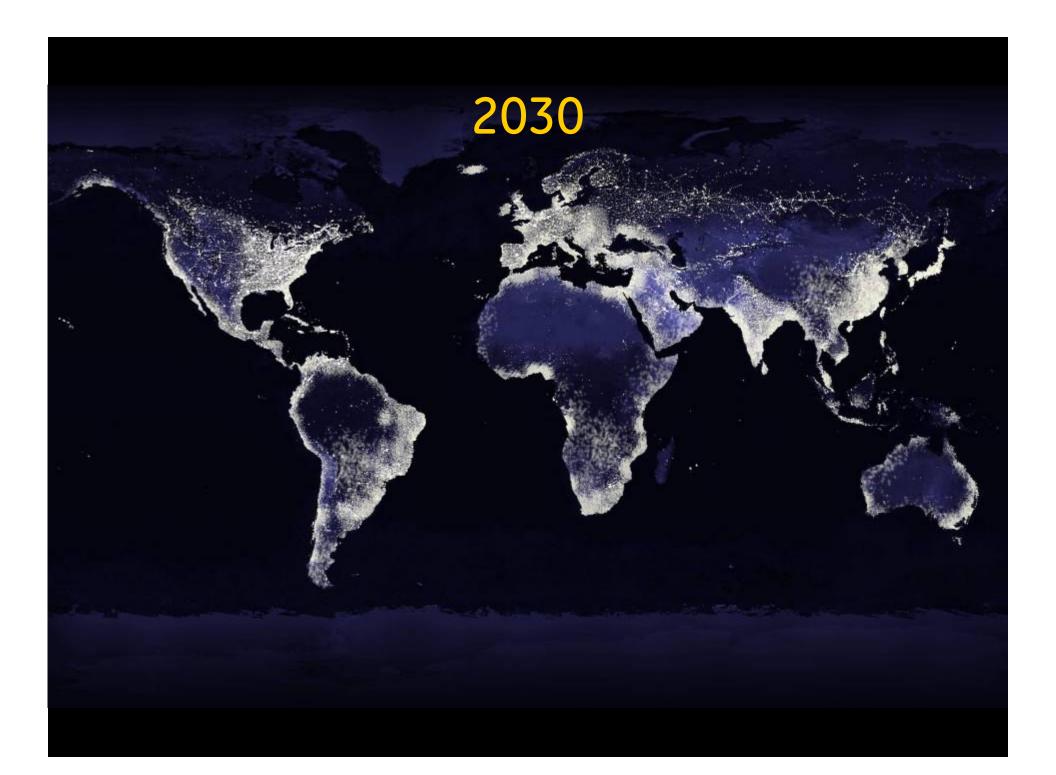
# Electricity demand ... 2X by 2030





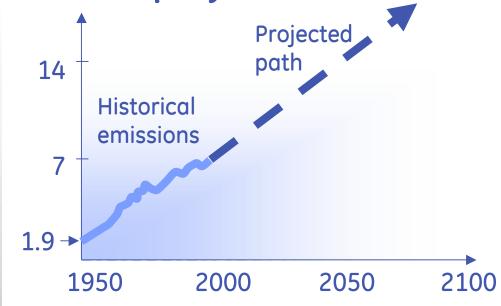
Sources: EIA-DOE International Energy Annual 2004 & International Energy Outlook 2006





# ... Sustainable?

Billions of tons of carbon emitted per year



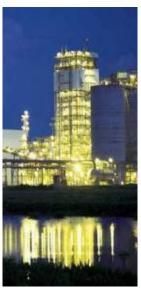




# GE Energy ... power generation platforms

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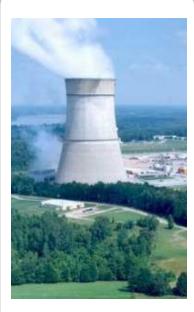




- Gas turbines
  - Heavy duty (40-500MW)
  - Aeroderivative s (18-100MW)
  - Combined

- Coal
  - IGCC
  - Steam turbines
- cycle systems

#### **Nuclear**



- ABWR & ESBWR
- Adv nuclear fuel
- CANDU fuel & services
- Reactor & field services
- Performance services
- Nuclear isotopes

#### Renewables



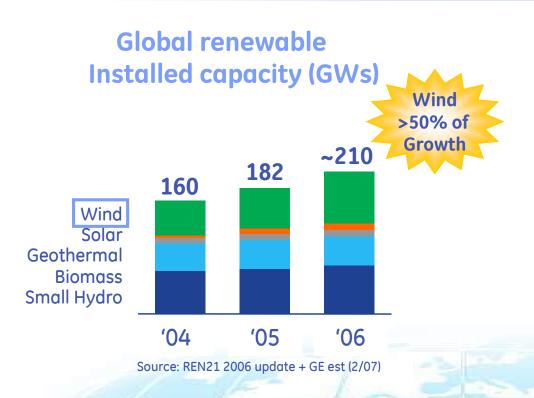


- Wind
  - Land based
  - Offshore
- Solar
  - Grid connected
  - Stand alone
- Hydrogen
  - Fuel cells
  - Hybrids

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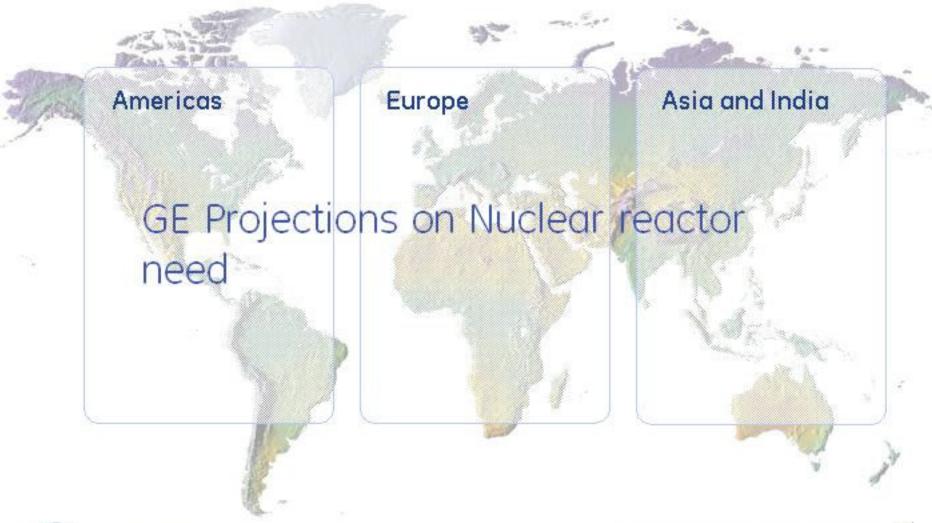
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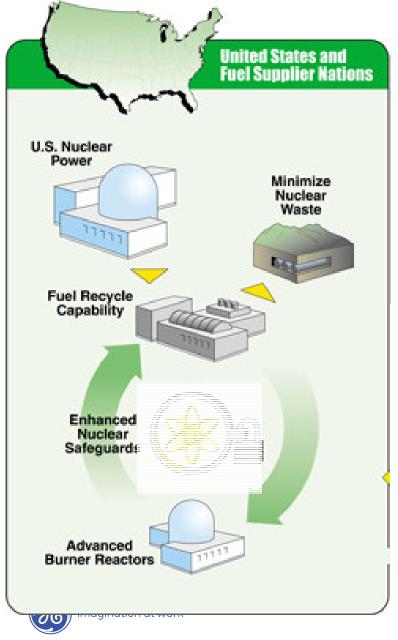
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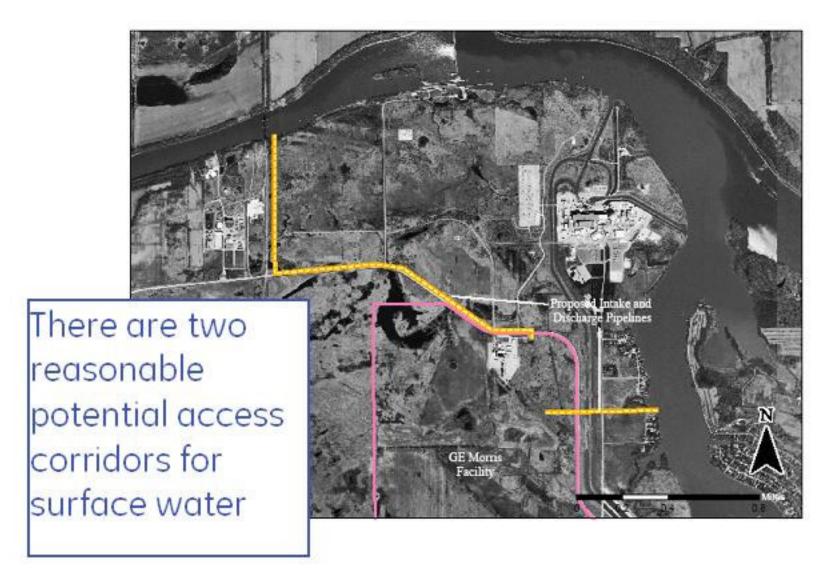
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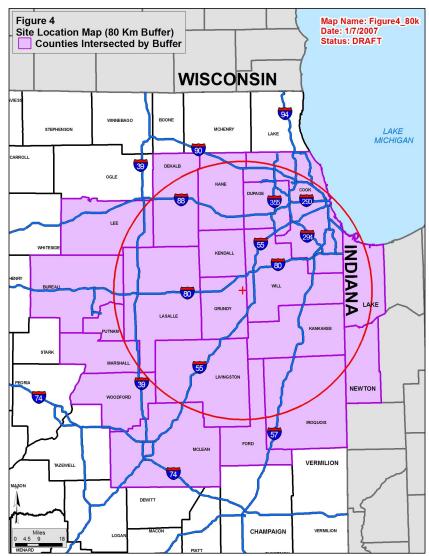


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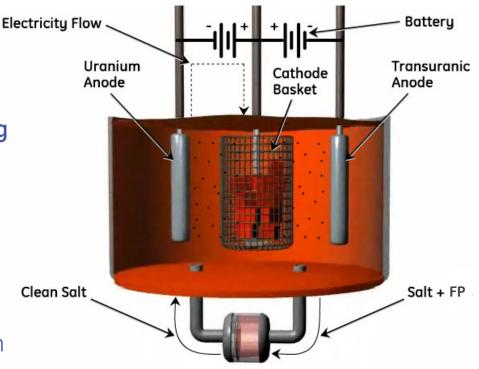




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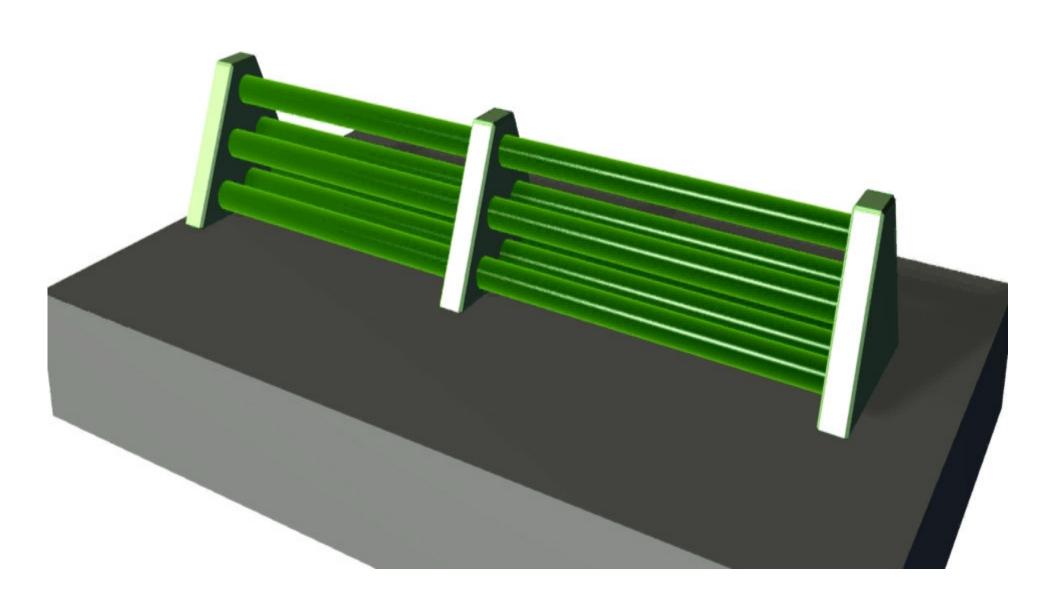
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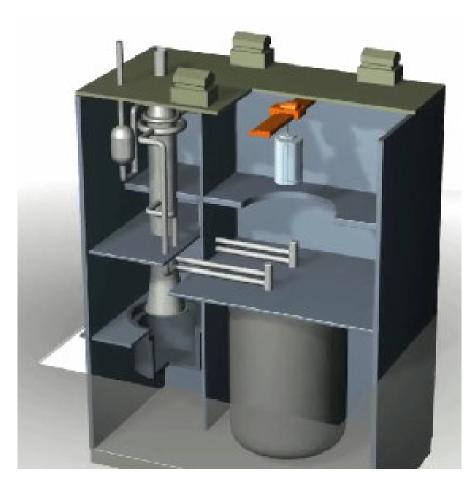




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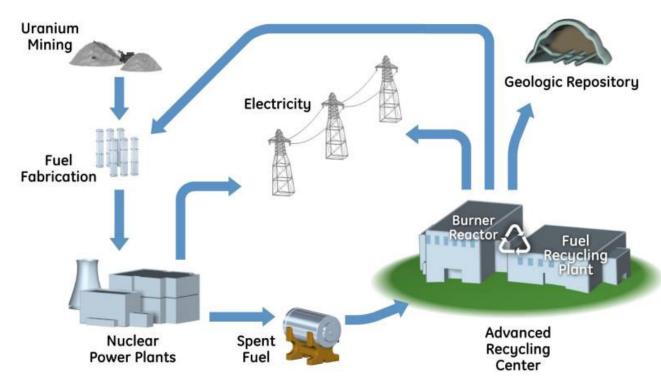


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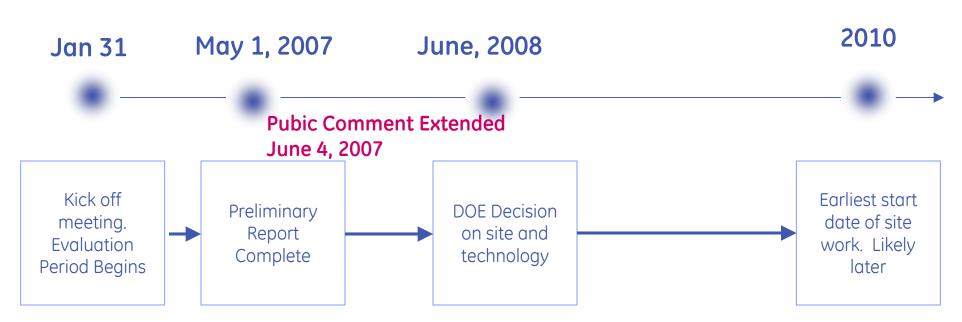
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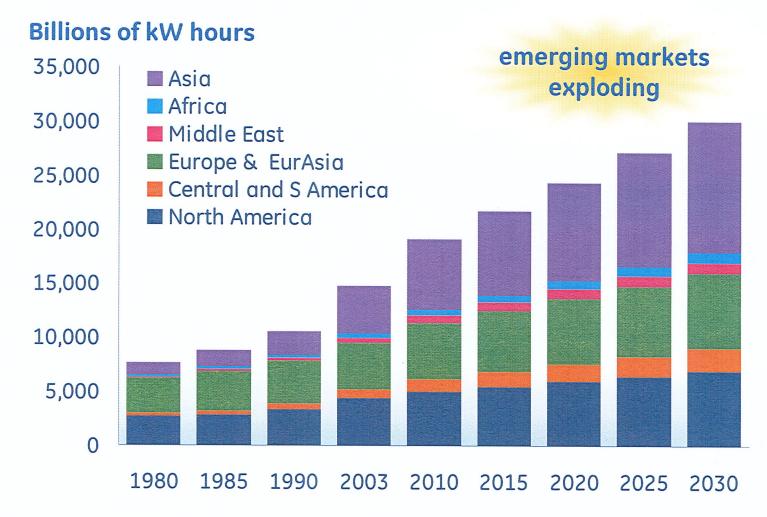








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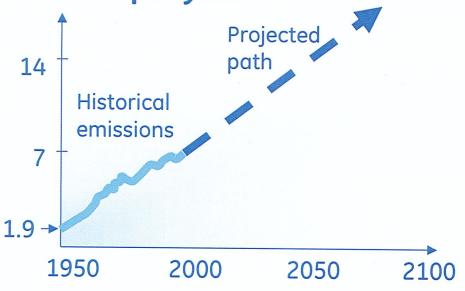
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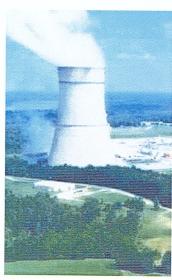
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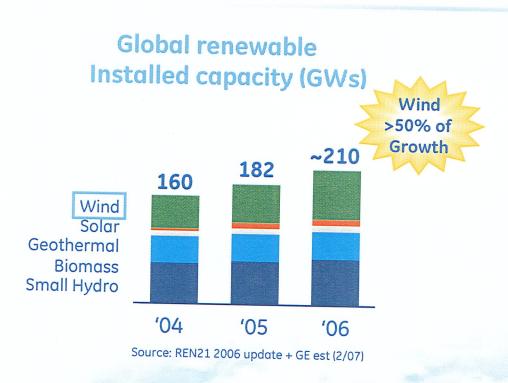


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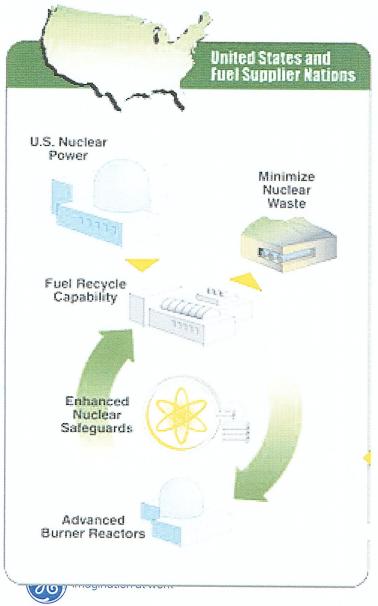
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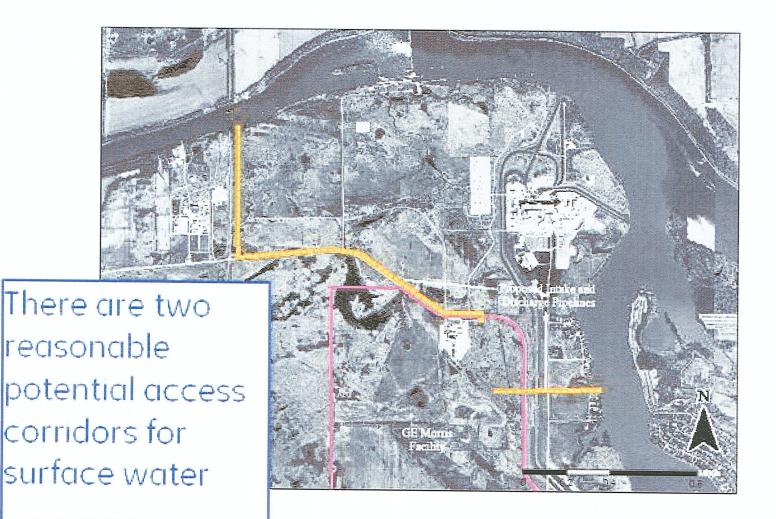
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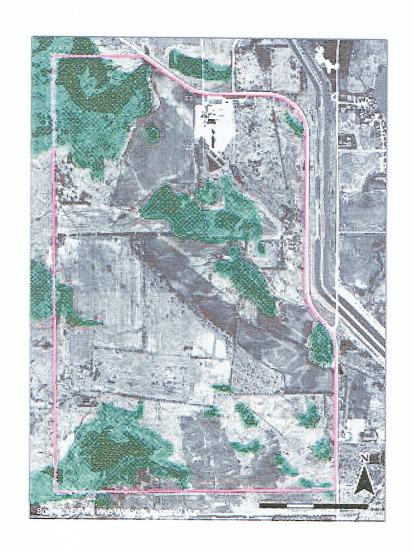
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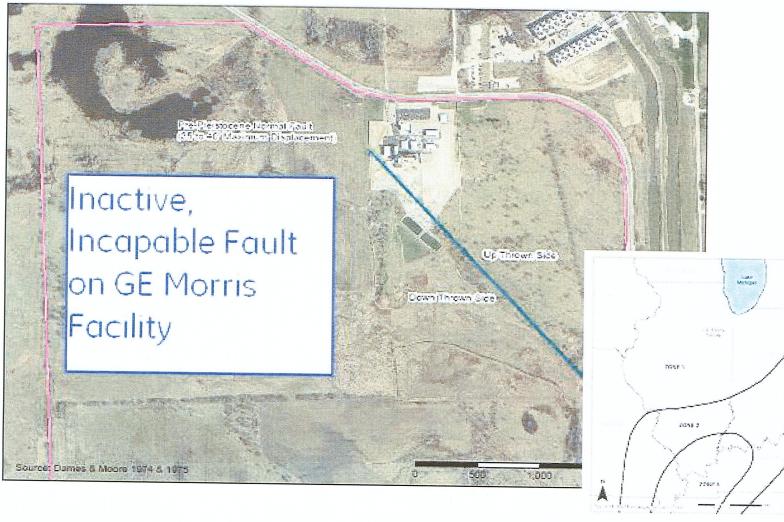
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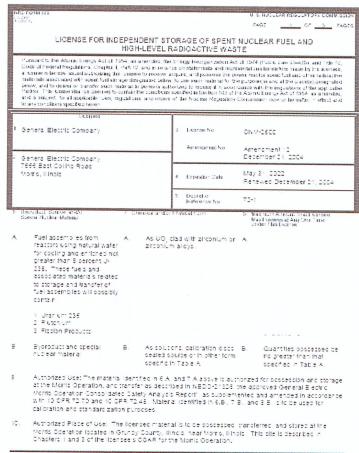
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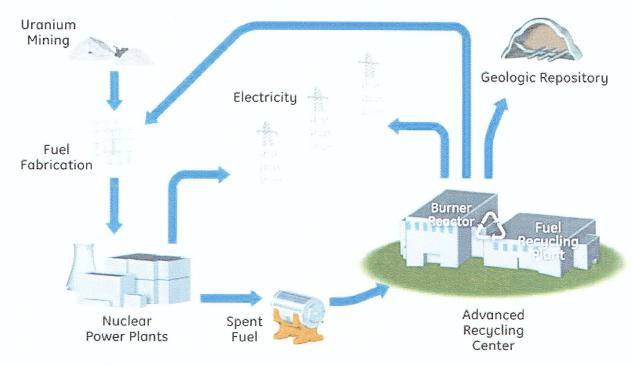
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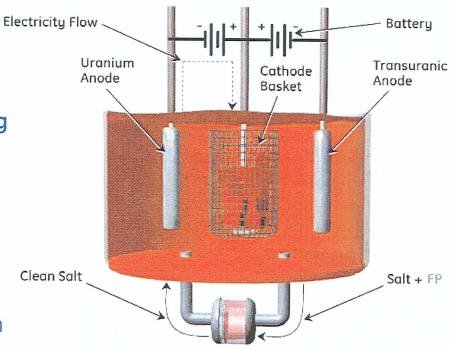
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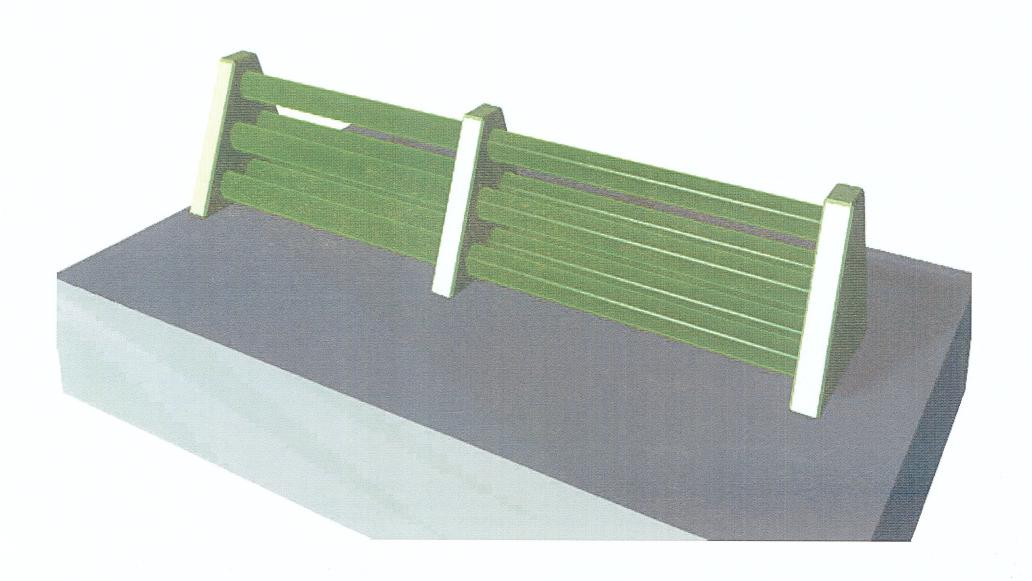
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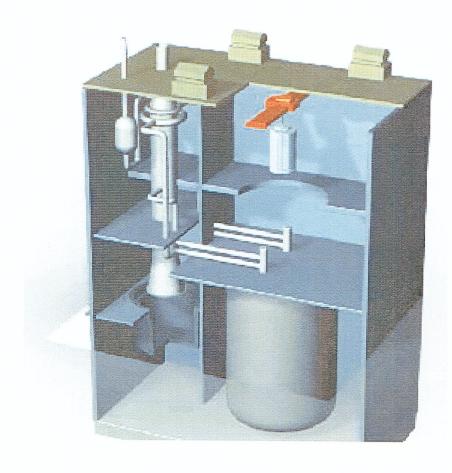




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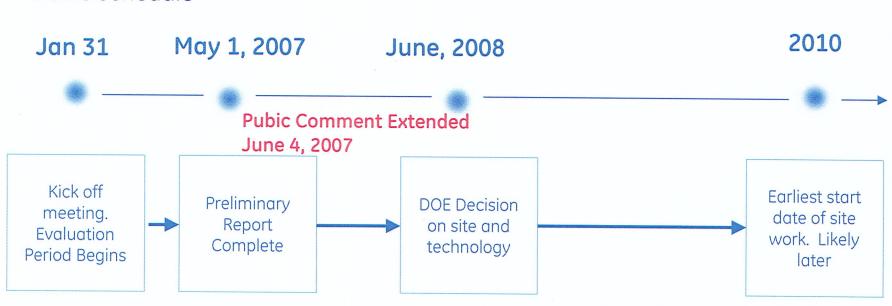


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**April 25, 2007** 

# Siting Grant

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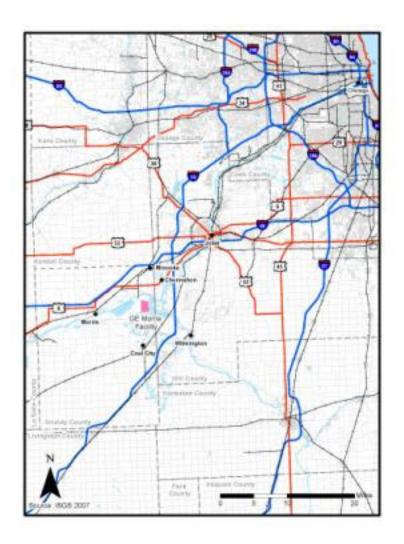
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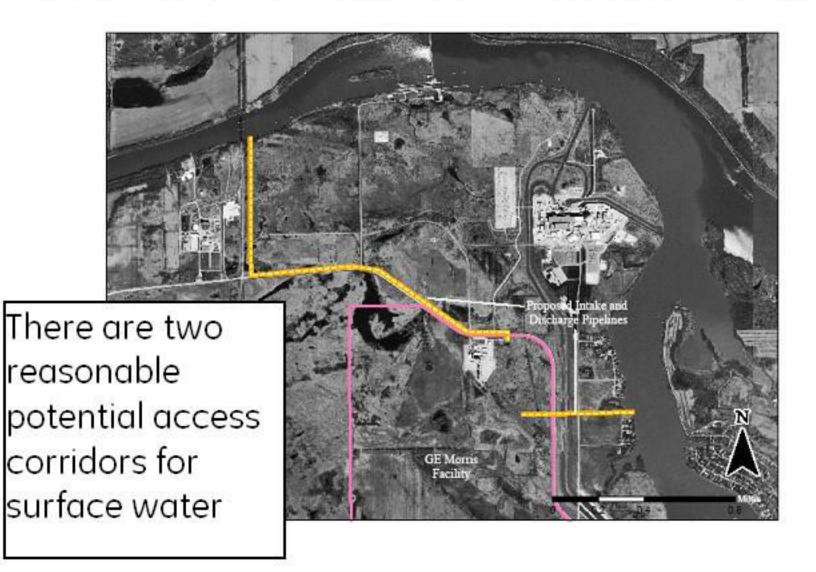
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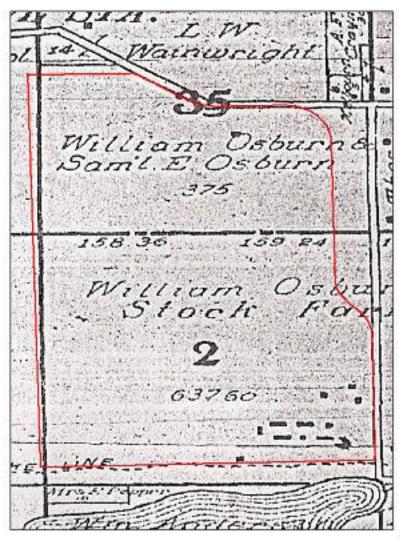
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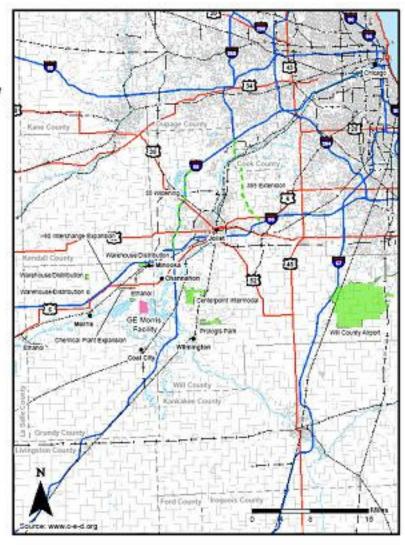
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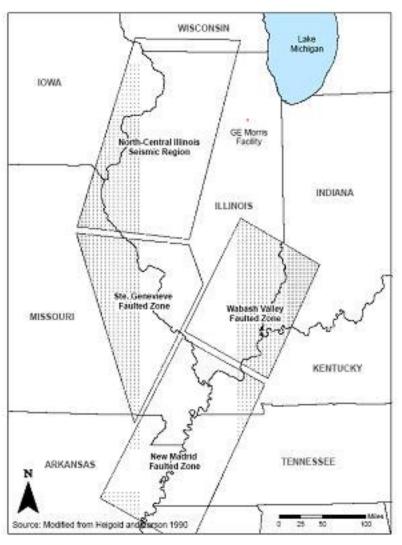
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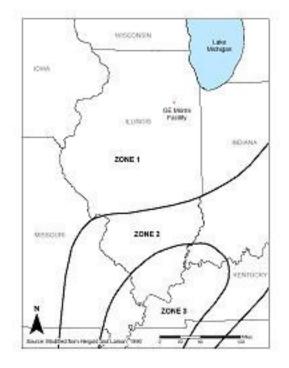




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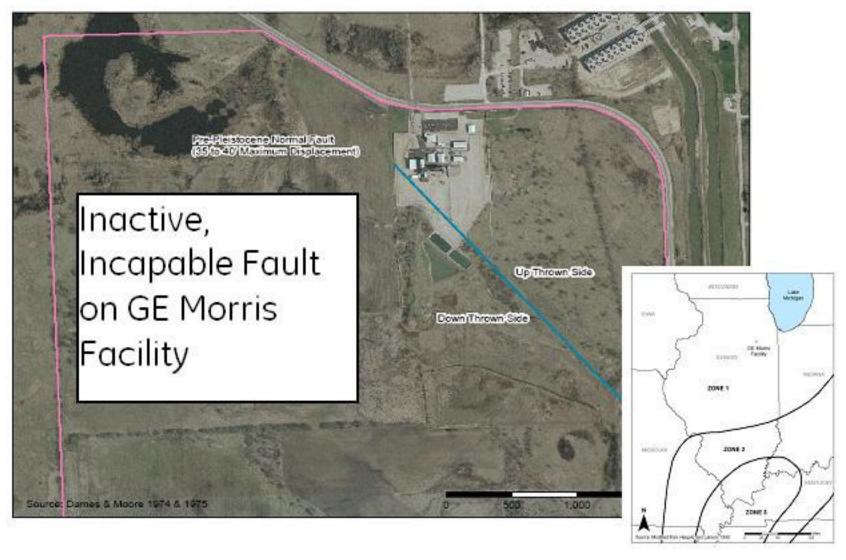


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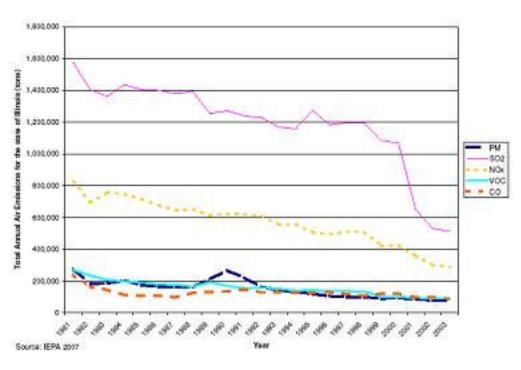


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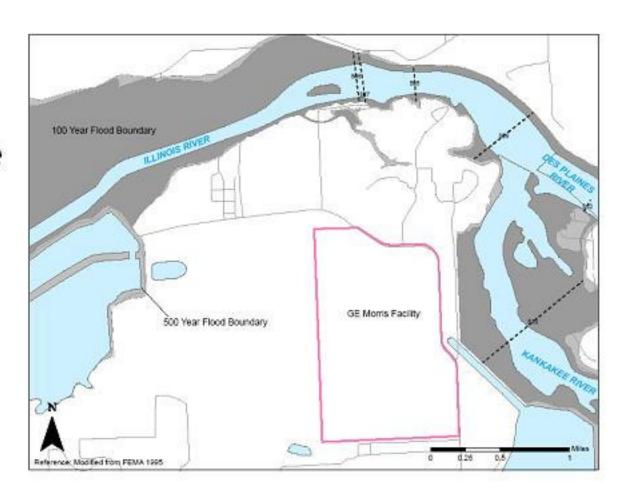






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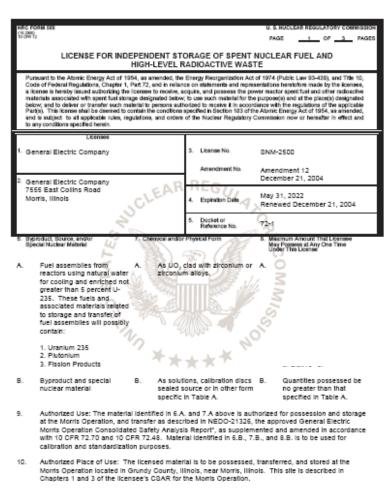
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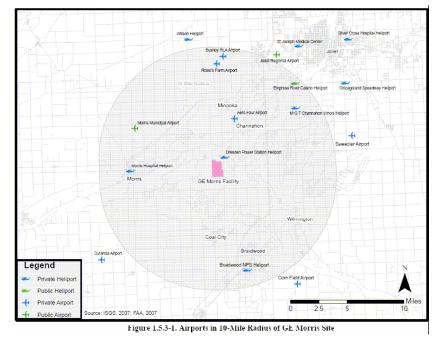


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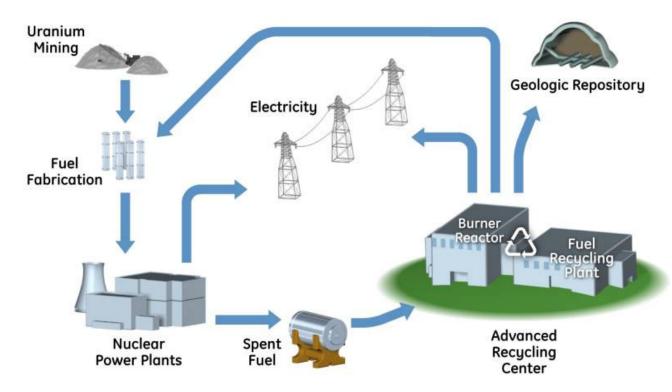




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  - -Argonne National Lab,
  - -Fermi Laboratory
  - -Operating Nuclear Plants
- Provides an environmentally sound site to support an advanced recycling center and advanced reactor

#### GE's Vision for Morris



Advanced Recycling Center (ARC)

#### **Electro-refining...**

- Ideal for fast reactors and metal fuel
- Removes all actinides together
- Process LWR SNF using proven tech
- Low environmental impact



#### PRISM...

- Simple Operation
- Highly Reliable and Passively Safe
- Simplified O&M
- Modular/Scalable Deployment

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